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To: All Active Physician Assistants
From: ARBoPA Board Chair

RE: New PA Renewal Cycle SB1213, A.R.S. § 32-2523

Dear Physician Assistants:

The Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants (ARBoPA) is charged by the State of Arizona to regulate physician assistant (PA) professionals in the interest of public safety. With this in mind, it is within the best interests of the people of Arizona to have a balance in statutes, rules, and regulations that promotes growth of the profession without undue burden to the professionals in which the state regulates.

On behalf of the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants, I am pleased to announce that the Board has successfully obtained the necessary legislative changes to extend the life of your Physician Assistant license from one to two years, with renewal dates on your birthday. This change will be effective beginning January 1, 2016. The new renewal dates should make renewing easier to remember, and an extended licensure period means that you can spend more time caring for patients and less time on administrative matters.

In order to facilitate the adjustment in the renewal cycle, your current licensing fees and CME requirements will be prorated. Board staff have prepared the attached chart to assist you in determining your renewal requirements for 2016. Additionally, the Board will consider the approval of a Substantive Policy Statement at its public meeting on November 18th that will explain in more detail how this transition will occur. If approved, this Statement will be sent out to all licensees via mail and email.

Finally, ARBoPA has adopted a legislative agenda recommending additional improvements in statutes that would effectively eliminate board-specific continuing medical education (CME) requirements if you are a properly certified PA. The board will keep you advised with any further developments of this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey W. Hoffa".

Geoffrey W. Hoffa, D.H.S.c., P.A.-C.
Chairman

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Birth Month	New Renewal Fee	Prorated Adjustment of Current License Fees	Revised Renewal Fee	CME
January	370.00	-92.50	277.50	12
February	370.00	-77.08	292.92	13
March	370.00	-61.67	308.33	15
April	370.00	-46.25	323.75	17
May	370.00	-30.83	339.17	18
June	370.00	-15.42	354.58	20
July	370.00	0.00	370.00	20
August	370.00	0.00	370.00	20
September	370.00	0.00	370.00	20
October	370.00	0.00	370.00	20
November	370.00	0.00	370.00	20
December	370.00	0.00	370.00	20